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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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To the Trustees of St. Augustine's College,
Gentlemen:

During the past year, the sixty-eighth annual session of the Institution, there has been a total enrollment of 300 students including 45 in the St. Agnes Training School for Nurses and 14 in the Bishop Tuttle School for Church and Welfare Workers. The students come from 24 states and 3 foreign countries. Many of them are children of our Negro Clergy. About 50% are from the State of North Carolina.

The College aims to extend its helpfulness and influence outside its own walls. There are a number of extension classes offered to teachers who cannot attend the regular day sessions. Classrooms are also provided for adult evening classes conducted by Federal Aid.

Among the organizations which have held conferences or meetings during the year using the college facilities have been: The State Public Welfare Institute for Negro Workers, the Crown and Scepter Club, a Statewide high school honor scholarship society, the Corn Club Association, the State Negro Librarians Association, the State Negro Dramatic Association and, as usual, the Annual St. Augustine's Conference for Clergy and Church Workers including a Young People's Conference.

The college has suffered a genuine loss in the death of one of our helpful and beloved Trustees, the Rev. Theodore Partrick, Jr. From the time of his first coming to Raleigh until his death Mr. Partrick took a keen personal interest in the work of the college and in St. Agnes Hospital where he was a frequent visitor.

We feel that the scholastic and religious life of the Institution has continued to develop along normal lines. In connection with the latter the Forward Movement ideals have been emphasized and use made of literature of the movement. Various Negro clergy have occupied the pulpit from time to time. There was as usual a sizable Confirmation Class awaiting the Bishop on his visitation in Holy Week. The Lenten offering for Missions amounted to \$335, an increase of about 33% over what was given last year, and the largest offering that has been given for that purpose. Organizations that help in our religious and Church

life are the Woman's Auxiliary, both Senior and Junior Branches, the Laymen's League, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Altar Guild and the Ferguson Club. We have continued the custom of sending a Lenten letter to all who have been confirmed in the College Chapel in recent years urging them to attend if possible a Corporate Communion in the Chapel on Passion Sunday, or, if that be not possible, to attend a Communion Service elsewhere and renew in their prayers the promises of their Confirmation.

Our Choral Club and our Dramatic Club have each finished a successful year and have received warm commendation from those privileged to attend the various programs which they have rendered.

Our efforts to develop interest and participation in intra-mural athletics and in more varied types of physical exercise have met with considerable success. More and more students are being benefited by participation in some form of sport. This is as it should be. The morale of the student body and of the staff of the Institution has been good. The Alumni Association has been making efforts to increase its usefulness.

We also feel grateful for prizes offered this year for the first time by two of our prominent alumni, Rev. D. LeRoy Ferguson of Boston, and Dr. Edward Bowden of Atlanta. The former also showed his loyalty by coming to us as our Baccalaureate preacher. We feel it a distinct honor that the Rt. Rev. Philip Cook, D.D., President of the National Council, has taken time in the midst of his many duties to come to us as our Commencement speaker. This action of Bishop Cook's encourages us to hope that the work at St. Augustine's is recognized as of value to the whole Church as supervised by the Council of which he is the Executive Head.

FINANCES

The financial situation of the college is not altogether a happy one. Owing to the reduction of practically 50% in the appropriation from the National Church through the American Church Institute for Negroes the college faces a deficit for the first time in many years, with the prospect of an even greater one next year unless larger support can be secured. We have done everything possible in effecting economies and our students

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